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Five Reasons Cottonwood Heights Voted to Implement Ranked-Choice Voting

By Mayor Mike Peterson



On May 4, the City Council and I voted to implement ranked-choice voting (RCV) in the 2021 municipal elections. Cottonwood Heights originally approved RCV in the last election cycle, but Salt Lake County could

not implement it at the time. Now, two years later, we have the chance to use this system in November.

While Cottonwood Heights is among 23 Utah cities participating in ranked-choice voting this year, cities across the country and in Utah (Payson and Vineyard) have already implemented RCV and received positive feedback from residents. We understand you may be hesitant about ranked-choice voting or unsure of how the process works. Here are five reasons we support RCV.

RCV makes elections more fair. With ranked-choice voting, voters rank candidates by preference instead of voting for just one candidate. If no candidate has a majority after the first choices are counted, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Voters who picked that candidate as their first choice then have their votes count for their next choice until a candidate has a majority of votes (or more than half of votes).

RCV allows residents to vote for candidates they support. Sometimes voters feel they have to vote against candidates they most oppose because the candidate they like is less likely to win. RCV means voters rank candidates from their top choice to least-favorite choice and don't have to worry about the most popular candidates (or how their neighbors are voting). You may vote for as many or as few candidates as you want. If you only vote for two because you dislike the third or fourth options, they will not get your support

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

JUNE 1

- 2021-2022 FISCAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
- HB411 GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION
- STORMWATER FEE DISCUSSION
- GRAVEL PIT DISCUSSION
- REZONE REQUEST (2751 E FORT UNION BLVD)
- BUTLERVILLE DAYS CONTRACTS
- 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT

JUNE 15

- STORMWATER FEE PUBLIC HEARING
- FIREWORK RESTRICTION AREA DISCUSSION
- REAPPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION AND PTOS COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
- GRAVEL PIT DISCUSSION
- 2021-2022 FINAL BUDGET CONSIDERATION
- STORMWATER FEE ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

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History Question
of the Month

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What Butlerville resident owned a brewery and hotel in Butlerville and Mill A in Big Cottonwood Canyon?



Cottonwood Heights Arts Council



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
BOOK
Dennis Kelly
THE MUSICAL
MUSIC & LYRICS
Tim Minchin

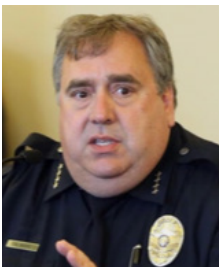
Performances
July 9, 10, 12, 15, 16 & 17
Matinees on July 10 & 17

Tickets will soon be on sale

WWW.CHCITYARTS.COM


'Something Shining & Sparkling': Share in my Conversation with Father John Evans

By CHPD Chief Robby Russo



In these changing and challenging times, the Cottonwood Heights Police Department reached out to many religious and social communities in the city. It's important for us to listen and understand the unique challenges within our community and build residents' trust and confidence in the police department.

I recently met with Father John Evans, pastor of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and wanted to share his encouraging thoughts this month:

When the pandemic began to roll across the nation, fear was palpable and the risk to life and liberty was mysterious. I think we all remember the uncertainty and the unknown. The state came to a standstill, and I don't think a single soul who looks back on that time wants to return to the fear, the unknown, and the isolation.

There was something shining and sparkling in the midst of it all. After being completely shuttered, our

childcare program worked with the Salt Lake County Health Department to reopen. We were not eager to reopen, but there was a call for essential workers to find a way, to take some serious risks, and to support the common good. Some might call it heroic, but the staff who cared for the children, cleaned and scrubbed, and worried for their own safety and that of their families became a shining beacon, the sparkling glimmer of faith, hope, and love. By answering the call to reopen the childcare program, someone might be able to keep their job, keep food on the table, or keep from becoming homeless.

Supporting the common good is an academic idea for some — a nice idea to be considered, or something rejected in pursuit of an individualistic false notion of freedom. However, for those who see beyond themselves, the common good is a necessity for genuinely caring for one another, building up society in virtue, and advancing society. Supporting the common good should come with sacrifice and at times may even call for a great sacrifice. Where do we see ourselves supporting the common good or making the sacrifice for it?

If we desire the common good and see hope in it, we begin to see the dignity of the human person. We begin to see the good of our neighbor, and not just our own. This, too, may beckon sacrifice for the individual or for the society.

Pope Francis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, our local bishop, the Most Rev. Oscar Solis and myself have all encouraged Catholics to get the COVID-19 vaccine to better safeguard the vulnerable in our midst — in essence, for the common good. To have such a genuine care and love for our neighbors speaks to the value, dignity and sanctity of human life.

We are fortunate to live in a very beautiful city along the Wasatch Front. Our city is growing and developing for the betterment of our families and neighborhoods, and we all benefit. Might we take great care to build up the common good that we might all thrive and enjoy the fullness of life. ■



"Ranked-Choice Voting", continued from cover

in any tally. Voters often choose not to vote in a particular race, ballot proposition, or judicial retention, and RCV allows for the same choice.

RCV gives voters more choices. In traditional elections, candidates may also decide not to run for office because they believe their platforms or backgrounds are too similar to another candidate's. RCV allows many candidates to join the race, and you don't have to split your vote between two great candidates. You just have to choose who you like better. If your first choice doesn't win, your ballot counts for the other.

RCV helps increase military and overseas voting participation. During traditional elections that require a primary and a general election, candidates may withdraw before officials count military and overseas ballots — which means these voters sometimes vote for

candidates no longer in the race. Because RCV does not require a primary election and only requires one ballot, military and overseas voters can rank their candidates and still have their vote count for the next candidate if someone drops out.

Your Ranked-Choice Ballot

Rank up to 4 candidates. Mark no more than 1 oval in each column.

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice
Candidate A	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

RCV encourages candidates to be civil.

During traditional election cycles, candidates sometimes focus on attacking their opponents rather than sharing their goals if they're elected to office. Since RCV allows voters to rank their choices, candidates do better in elections if they share a positive platform and focus on communicating with as many voters as possible.

We are excited to implement this new voting method and believe it will make the election process more positive, efficient, and educational for all residents. For more information about how ranked-choice voting works, **visit fairvote.org/ranked-choice-voting**. ■

Connecting with State Government and Joining the June 3 Town Hall

By Gay Lynn Bennion, Utah House of Representatives



As the representative for House District 46, I work for you throughout the year, not just during the legislative session. My goals include helping you find answers and solve problems, bringing your questions

and ideas to the state Legislature, and increasing awareness of great Utah programs. Here's what I'm currently investigating, thanks to questions from constituents:

- Childcare, preschool, and adult protective services. State agency leaders have made me aware of great parent resources (jobs.utah.gov/occ/parent/resources.html) and information for seniors about avoiding

financial exploitation (daas.utah.gov/protection/#exploitation)

- Help for people in the process of renewing work visas
- How we can stop catalytic converter theft from our cars

Because a constituent informed me that Utah is the United State's third-highest producer of geothermal energy, our May interim session included a short presentation on Utah FORGE, an international field laboratory for geothermal research in Milford, Utah. FORGE will extend existing oil and gas technologies beyond current capabilities to successfully produce electricity from hot crystalline rocks, a technology that can be applied across the U.S.

Finally, I am working to increase awareness of helpful state programs. Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson has begun a "returnships" initiative, a back-to-

work program that provides experience, training, skills and mentoring for adults. Visit inutah.org/learn-work/ for details.

Additionally, the Adult Autism Center of Lifetime Learning opened in May in Murray and offers hands-on training and therapy. Alta is also delighted about plans for a new community center that can hold large conferences and even small wellness classes and was envisioned as early as 1980. Visit altacommunitycenter.com to see the plans.

I invite you to join state Sen. Kathleen Riebe and me on Thursday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at Bywater Park and on Facebook Live for a town hall about Utah housing. Tara Rollins, director of the Utah Housing Coalition, will share how UHC promotes increasing accessible and affordable housing throughout Utah.

We live in a wonderful city and state. We are always stronger when we work together, and I am eager to hear from you. Contact me at 385-200-1794 or glbennion@le.utah.gov. ■

FREE SHRED EVENT – Cottonwood Heights Residents

Friday, June 25th
9 am to 1 pm
City Hall Parking Lot
2277 E Bengal Blvd



Our partners at Columbus Secure Shredding will have their mobile shred truck at Cottonwood Heights city hall parking lot for secure document destruction. All materials will be shredded in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Staples and paperclips are OK but NO other metal objects please.





Cottonwood Heights

BUTLERVILLE DAYS

JULY 19-24, 2021

Good Ol' Family Fun

Entertainment Sneak Peek

FRIDAY

7:45 PM - 9:15 PM



Hypno Hick - Comedy Hypnosis

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Clayton Smalley

SATURDAY

8:30 PM - 10 PM



Charley Jenkins

6:45 PM - 8 PM



Learn to Line Dance w/Eric Dodge

Eight Tips for Watering Your Lawn During a Drought

Gov. Spencer Cox issued a second executive order declaring a state of emergency in Utah, due to 90% of the state experiencing drought conditions. Outdoor watering accounts for 60% of residential water use, so follow these tips from Slow the Flow when watering your lawn:

- Visit conservewater.utah.gov to get the weekly watering guide, which recommends the amount of irrigations depending on the county you live in
- Use a watering can instead of a hose to water potted plants and small areas
- Water only in the early morning or evening when it's cooler
- Adjust your sprinklers so they don't spray sidewalks or driveways
- Let your kids run through sprinklers in an area where your lawn needs water most
- Park your car on the grass when washing it so water flows to the lawn, not the driveway
- Put organic mulch around shrubs and plants to reduce evaporation
- Use a drip line instead of a hose to water trees, flower beds, and vegetable gardens

For more suggestions, visit slowtheflow.org. If you notice malfunctioning sprinklers at city facilities or parks, contact park manager Ryan Gardner at 801-943-3190 or ryan@cottonwoodheights.com. ■



Six Things to Know about Short-Term Rentals

Considering listing a home on AirBnB or VRBO? Here's what you need to know about short-term rentals:

Cottonwood Heights city code considers short-term rentals any rental where occupants stay fewer than 30 days but longer than three days. The code does not allow rentals fewer than three days.

Rentals longer than 30 days are considered long-term rentals and are generally allowed in Cottonwood Heights. Homeowners are subject to certain requirements.

Residents who want to list a short-term rental must get a conditional use permit and business license from the city. Visit ch.utah.gov/doing-business/business-licensing for more information.

Legal short-term rentals must meet three requirements:

- Be in areas zoned for multi-family or

mixed-use residential

- Be located within a private condominium project or planned development
- Contain at least eight units all fronting a private street

Short-term rentals on public streets or in any single-family area are illegal in Cottonwood Heights. Police and city officials are aware that many illegal short-term rentals



exist and create many problems, including:

- Neighborhood health and safety concerns, like parking issues, noise complaints, and lack of property upkeep
- Equity issues, since legal short-term rentals must pay for conditional use permits, annual business licenses and local sales taxes and must abide by city regulations. Illegal short-term rentals do not contribute fairly based on their city impact.

The city will enforce regulations when residents report illegal short-term rentals. These rental violations are punishable as misdemeanors with up to \$1,000 in fines, and each day is considered a new violation.

For more information about the short-term rental policy, review chapters 5.85 and 19.89 of the Cottonwood Heights municipal code at ch.utah.gov/your-government/laws-municipal-code. ■

No Green Waste in Blue Recycling Can

Never put clippings and other yard waste or organic waste in the blue recycling can. If these materials get collected, they contaminate the entire recycle load in the collection truck. Consider a green waste can or a home composting program if you have a lot of yard waste. Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org/green-waste-collection for more information. ■

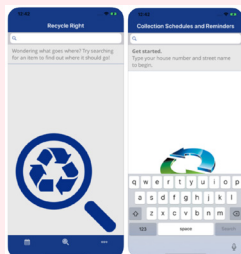


New Mobile Application for WFWRD Customers

WFWRD has launched a free mobile app for its residents. It includes:

- The Recycle Right lookup tool to see if you can reuse, recycle, compost, or discard an item
- Scheduling tools to confirm your trash and recycling collection days
- An option for customized collection day reminders

To download the app, search for "Wasatch Front Waste" on your phone's app store. It's available in both English and Spanish. ■



Trailer Rental Program

Spring is here, which means spring cleaning. You can rent both bulk and green waste trailers from Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District to clean up your home and yard. Visit wasatchfrontwaste.org/trailer-rental to reserve a trailer and get more fee information. Sign up early to ensure you get the trailer on the date you need. ■

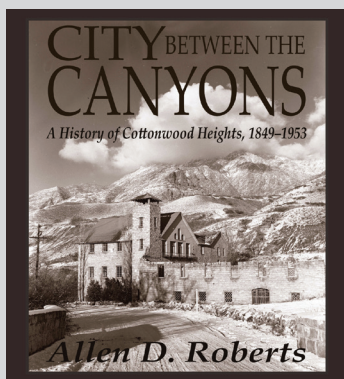


Answer

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Philander Butler built the Butler Hotel at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in 1871 and bought Mill A in 1874. Born in Randolph County, Indiana, on March 18, 1841, Butler settled in South Cottonwood with his father, brothers and sister in 1857. He was the oldest of the brothers and worked for Phil Margetts for several years before moving to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon in 1869. Two years later, he was granted a liquor license and soon built Butler Hotel, a place for canyon workers to rest and eat, as well as a brewery.

Butler ran Mill A for only one year, until a giant avalanche crushed the mill and surrounding buildings. Though the seven people staying near the mill were rescued, the mill was completely destroyed and never rebuilt. In 1881, Butler sold the property with his brewery to the Deseret News Co. for \$800 and moved to Oregon to work in lumber. He returned to Salt Lake City in 1900 and sold 130 acres of land near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon to William W. Sanders for \$5,000 in 1901. Butler lived in Salt Lake City until he died on Aug. 10, 1925. ■



Buy the Book!

Find more community stories in the book *City Between the Canyons: A History of Cottonwood Heights, 1849-1953*. Buy yours at City Hall for \$20 (3 for \$50) or order it online at ch.utah.gov/community/history/history-book for \$25 (3 for \$59).



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Numbers to Know

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Fire Authority 743-7100

Animal Control 743-7000

Justice Court 273-9731

Call Direct

City Manager 944-7010

City Planning 944-7065

Public Works 944-7000

Recorder 944-7021

Finance Director 944-7012

Code Enforcement 944-7095

Police Administration 944-7100

City Council Meetings

June 1 - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

June 15 - Work Session 5 p.m.,

Business Meeting 7 p.m.

(Work session may reconvene after business meeting.)

Agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance of public meetings.

For details about the agendas, go to: www.ch.utah.gov. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission holds meetings at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

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Brighton High Takes Second at State Tennis Championships

A force on the court, the Brighton High boys tennis team fought a fierce battle against region foe Skyline at the 2021 State 5A Tennis Championships. In the end, Skyline earned more overall points, leaving Brighton with a second-place finish, but every individual title

went to a Brighton or Skyline player. Among the Bengals to win individual championships were Hardy Owen in No. 1 singles, whose brother, Ford Owen, and doubles partner, Owen Hopkin, took the state title in No. 1 doubles. Game, set, match! ■



11 Brighton Seniors Earn Academic All-State Status

Whether in the classroom, or on the field or track, these sporting scholars bring everything they've got. For persevering through years of tough quizzes, matches, and games, 11 Brighton High seniors have earned Academic All-State status in spring sports. Sanctioned by the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA), the Academic All-State Award is reserved for graduating seniors who have excelled in their chosen sport while also maintaining near-perfect academic marks throughout their four years in high school.

Track and Field

Nathan Burnett

Abigail Groncki

Anna Anderson

Lacrosse

Haley Taylor

Easton McNeil

Scott Hansen

Soccer

Aydan Moore

Cameron Neeley

Ian Mendenhall

Michael Molenaar

Rhett Anderson ■



Business Spotlights

Canyon Cove Pilates | 2258 E. Fort Union Blvd., #B2 canyoncovepilates.net

Canyon Cove Pilates has provided individualized, classic Pilates for 15 years. You'll experience a friendly community environment with support, camaraderie and networking. Trained, certified instructors teach private and small group classes and are ready to work with

you and help with your specific needs. Classes are available on both the reformer and mat. Call 801-699-5106 to set up a free consultation. ■



SLCC Workforce & Economic Development | 9750 S. 300 West, MCPC 215 | slcc.edu/workforce/courses/frontlineleader.aspx



Karen Dell of Salt Lake Community College Workforce & Economic Development is introducing a Frontline Leader Workshop Series, designed to support new and emerging leaders

with strong foundational skills. The open-access learning options build upon the previous session to help current and future leaders thrive. Participants learn to build confidence, create stronger relationships, increase productivity, efficiency, communication, and form a solid foundation for each business as they grow. The workshop series allows companies to have leaders join the program at any time

so newly appointed leaders have development opportunities immediately.

Visit the website for a current calendar of available trainings. You can send one leader or an entire team or even host a training at your office (with a minimum of 10 participants). Call Karen at 801-957-5206 to discuss training solutions and ask about eligibility and funding assistance. ■



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